10 November 1955

Memorandum for: Deputy Director/Support

Subject:

House Post Office & Civil Service Committee

Subcommittee on Manpower Utilization

- 1. Following your meeting today I talked with Mr. Belen, who advised that he would call me sometime next week to invite me over with whomever might be appropriate to discuss with him and Mr. Don Ellis, staff man for the Manpower Utilization Subcommittee, the problems raised by Chairman Murray's letters. He stated that of course he realized we would have a problem with written reports and that he was sure we could work out a satisfactory solution on this matter in order to cover our security problems. He suggested that no steps be taken in connection with these reports until we had had our meeting.
- 2. Mr. Belen agreed that we should get a reply off to Chairman Murray somewhat along the lines that we wished to cooperate; that we were planning to discuss the matter with Committee Counsel at his convenience next week; and that we are undertaking the self-analysis suggested in their letter in order to attempt to determine areas where manpower could be saved and/or better utilized.
- 3. I feel that our letter should strongly emphasize the cooperation theme, and I also think in view of my talk with Belea that perhaps we should not dwell at this point on the problem of the difficulties of cutting back. I would prefer to leave that point to our oral discussion rather than to include it in a letter which might be misconstrued and get peoples' backs up.

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